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The Honorable Drew Feely  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Railroad Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
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**Subject: Letter of Support for Timely Access to Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Grant Funds for Orange County Transportation Authority Emergency Rail Work**

Dear Acting Administrator Feely:

I write to thank the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for its continued partnership with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) and its support through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program. OCTA's recently awarded CRISI grant for \$100 million is a critical step forward in addressing emergency stabilization work along the Los Angeles – San Diego – San Luis Obispo (LOSSAN) Rail Corridor in San Clemente.

As you know, the LOSSAN Rail Corridor is one of the busiest rail corridors in the nation and a vital link for passenger and freight service in Southern California as well as a critical corridor for our national defense. The emergency conditions in this area require immediate action to prevent long-term disruptions and ensure the continued safe operation of this critical infrastructure.

I want to thank FRA staff for their engagement with OCTA as the agency works to move forward with this time-sensitive project. However, I understand that timely access to the full \$100 million in CRISI funding hinges on the completion of relevant National Environmental Policy Act documentation, with at least one approval currently pending. Given the urgent nature of the emergency work along the LOSSAN Corridor, I respectfully urge the FRA to prioritize the swift processing of these documents. In addition, to preserve the entirety of the \$100 million in grant funding for this project, I encourage FRA to explore any and all opportunities to adjust the scope of the grant to respond to the emergency nature of this project. Any rescoping will still maintain all federal requirements and committed state and local funding. Doing so will ensure OCTA can move forward without delay and retain the full federal investment without the risk of losing funding due to timing or administrative limitations.

Federal funding partnerships like this are essential to protecting our infrastructure and maintaining reliable rail service for the region. I appreciate your continued support and attention to this matter and stand ready to assist however I can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Levin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end.

Mike Levin  
Member of Congress

cc: Darrell E. Johnson, OCTA Chief Executive Officer  
Potomac Partners, DC